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S.M. Krishna
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- Last rites at Somanahalli in Maddur taluk tomorrow with full State honours
- Govt. announces 3-day State mourning
- PM, President and other leaders condole the former Union Minister's death

Bengaluru, Dec. 10 (KMS & DM)- Karnataka woke up to the sad news of the demise of former Chief Minister S.M. Krishna at his residence in Sadashivanagar early this morning at 2.30 am. The 92-year-old veteran politician had been ailing for some time.

S. M. Krishna (Somanahalli Mallaiah Krishna) was instrumental in laying a strong foundation for the growth of Karnataka's IT and BT sectors, playing a pivotal role in the rise of 'Brand Bengaluru'.

Throughout his six-decade political career, he held several prominent positions, including Chief Minister of Karnataka (1999-2004), External Affairs Minister in the Manmohan Singh-led UPA Government, Maharashtra Governor, Union Minister, Deputy CM of Karnataka, Cabinet Minister and Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

He is survived by his wife Prema, two daughters and a son-in-law. His other son-in-law, V.G. Siddartha, the prominent businessman and owner of Café Coffee Day, predeceased him in 2019.

Krishna's mortal remains will be kept at his Sadashivanagar residence until 8 am tomorrow to allow the public to pay their respects. At 10.30 am tomorrow, his body will be taken to Maddur on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Road, where it will be kept for a short time before being brought to his native village of Somanahalli in Maddur taluk for the last rites, expected to take place around evening.

(See KRISHNA on page 6)
[See also page 8]

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Fate of dilapidated heritage Devaraja Market and Lansdowne buildings

Supreme Court case likely to impede Cabinet approval for DPR

Archaeological Survey of India, Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage now parties to petition

Lansdowne building

Devaraja Market

Mysuru, Dec. 10 (BCT)- While the Urban Development Department prepares to present the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the long-pending demolition and reconstruction of the Lansdowne Building and Devaraja Market to the Cabinet for approval, a related case pending before the Supreme Court is likely to impede the Cabinet's decision.

The MCC had earlier submitted the DPR to the Urban Development Department. During a recent meeting in Mysuru, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa assured that he would push for Cabinet approval once the respective Department provided its consent for the DPR.

(See DPR on page 7)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 10th December 2024

No power supply on Dec. 11, 12

Mysuru, Dec. 10- As KPTCL has taken up its 3rd quarterly maintenance works at Muguru, Parinamipura, Talakad, Maliyuru, Sinduvallipura, Chandalli, Tumbla, Chidravalli and Gargeshwari Power Distribution Centres, there will be no power supply on Dec. 11 and 12 between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas:

Muguru Power Distribution Centre: Muguru, Kothegala, Alagudu, Vatalu, Mugur Mole, Kothawadi and Gram Panchayat (GP) limits.

Maliyuru Power Distribution Centre: Heggur and Maliyuru villages and GP limits.

Talakad Power Distribution Centre: Talakad, B. Shettahalli, Banave, Doddapura, Hemmige, Karohatti villages and GP limits.

Parinamipura Power Distribution Centre: Holesalu, Kalihundi, Parinamipura, Kaveripura, Moodalahundi, Banave, Medini, Madavadi villages and GP limits.

Sindhuvallipura Power Distribution Centre: Devirammanahalli, Devarasanahalli, Naviluru, Sindhuvalli, Kodlapura, Kasuvinahalli villages and GP limits.

On Dec.12: Chandalli Power Distribution Centre: Doddehundi, Chandalli, T. Doddapura, Shambudevanapura, Akkuru, Akkuruhundi, Maranapura villages and GP limits.

Tumbla Power Distribution Centre: Tumbla, Kupya and Hosakote GP limits.

Chidravalli Power Distribution Centre: Chidravalli, Ukkalagere, Somananthapura villages and GP limits.

Gargeshwari Power Distribution Centre: Yadadore, Kurisiddanahundi, Gargeshwari, Haletirumakoodalu, Hosakote, Induvalu, Rayarahundi, Hosa Kempayyanahundi, Hale Kempayyanahundi and Gram Panchayat limits, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineer, Nanjangud Division.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

UNWRAPPING THE SEASON: ***First came Diwali. And now the end of the year brings another blur of festivals, celebrations and holidays that send gift-giving into a frenzy. Even for those who appreciate the spirit behind all this, opening every gift box risks it claiming their calorie or storage space, both of which are already creaking under immense strain.***

It is as much of a challenge to find space for yet another glass bowl that is too-beautiful-to-use, as it is to find someone that one knows for sure the original giver doesn't know, to pass the gift on to.

Then there is all the wrapping that the boxes come in. I meticulously collect all the glittery stuff, pretty paper and bright ribbons with the virtuous intention to Reuse and Recycle. But storing the new hoard is a bit like putting the giraffe into the fridge. First you have to get last year's elephant out. But doing that is not just difficult, it's almost impossible. It requires great stealth and secrecy, to be carried out when the sharp-eyed clean-freak husband is not looking.

Especially when I have just stopped him from throwing the empty gift boxes into the general trash. In the interest of saving the planet they must be disposed of at the local kabadiwala, I told him. Till then, of course, they may live in the space behind my spare gas cylinder.

But when it comes to being hard to get rid of, it is the sweets that take the cake. The domestic help refuses to take any more and the guests that I was keeping them for turn out to be diabetic. I try sending some to neighbours, but the strategy backfires as they return the favour with even more. And all the while, the growing numbers of kaju katli, boondi laddoo, kardantu and plum cakes call out my name enticingly.

That's when some timely WhatsApp gyaan catches the eye: 'The best way to fight temptation is to make sure it doesn't exist.' This advice sounds both reasonable and doable. I bring out all the leftover barfis, halwas and chocolates and eat them out of existence. Finally, I have a clean slate to begin my healthy living again — at least until 2025's gifts start pouring in.—*Chitra Phadnis in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Restaurant breaks kebab world record

Campbelltown: An Australian restaurant cooked up 1,212 pounds of kebab meat and French fries to feed festival attendees and break a Guinness World Record.

The King Kebab House in Campbelltown, New South Wales, started with 660 pounds of uncooked fries and more than 1,300 pounds of uncooked chicken and beef to break the record at the Campbelltown Street Festival.

The finished kebab weighed in at 660 pounds, and was served alongside the 552 pounds of cooked fries to complete the meal.

The massive meal took the Guinness World Records title for the largest serving of doner kebab meat and chips.

Serial shoe thief is a weasel

Tokyo: Police set up security cameras at a Japanese school after students' shoes started disappearing and the culprit was ultimately identified as a furry footwear fan — a weasel.

The Gosho Kodomo-en kindergarten in Koga, Fukuoka Prefecture, contacted Police for help after 15 shoes vanished from the school in early November, and three more were taken the following day.

Police set up three security cameras in the school to catch the culprit in the act. A single shoe vanished during the night of Nov. 11 and police reviewed the captured footage to identify the perpetrator.

The video shows a weasel appearing from behind a wall and raiding the cubbyholes where the children store their indoor shoes. The animal spread shoes across the floor and made off with one item of footwear.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Regular, moderate exercise during pregnancy can improve mood, energy levels, and overall health.

By Dr. Amulya K G - Obstetrics and Gynaecology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

City NGO presents HPV vaccination work at Papillomavirus Conference

Mysuru, Dec. 10- Poornima Jayakrishna, Dr. Kiranmayee Muralidhar, Dr. Raghavi Karanam and Nagalambika of city-based NGO, Public Health Research Institute of India (PHRII), Mysuru, presented their work on HPV vaccination at the 36th International Papillomavirus Conference held at Edinburgh, Scotland, UK recently.

A total of five posters were presented. Poornima and Dr. Raghavi were awarded full scholarship from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to the conference. They engaged in interactive discussions and began planning their future goals for Mysuru district, aligning with World Health Organisation's strategies for eliminating cervical cancer.

PHRII recently launched the Mysuru Consortium against Cervical Cancer and aim to join forces with local partners to improve women's health in the region. This will begin with establishment of a Cervical Cancer Specialty Centre in January 2025.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	Harangi DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **124.80 feet**	Today's level **2,280.36 feet**	Today's level **2,836.23 feet**
Last year's level **96.28 feet**	Last year's level **2,273.96 feet**	Last year's level **2,834.18 feet**
Yesterday's level **124.80 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,280.33 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,836.39 feet**
Today's Inflow **4,655 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **1,153 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **500 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **4,444 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **875 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **662 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Bushukan, also known as Buddha's Hand in the Western Hemisphere, is a citrus fruit with long extensions that look like fingers (hence, the name) and yellow skin that resembles a lemon. It's a seasonal fruit that grows in the winters and can be found in Southern China and Northeast India.***
- ***Araza is one of the rare weird-looking exotic fruits of the world that was never (massively) replanted outside of its native region. This citrus fruit is native to the Amazon Jungle of South America and is also known as the Amazon guava.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Customer: Give me three egg rolls.
Waiter: "With pleasure."
Customer: No, with onions and tomato ketchup!!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 84.85
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 108.17
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 23.10
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.58

" What sets you apart is your humour ! "

Pramoda Devi Wadiyar

NEWS BRIEFS

Smart card distribution

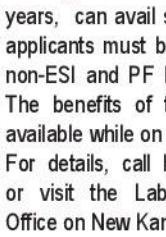
Under the Social Security and Welfare scheme, the Labour Department is distributing smart cards to drivers, conductors, cleaners, bus stand personnel, route checking staff, booking clerks, cash clerks, depot clerks, time keepers, watchmen, security personnel, tyre replacing staff and fitters, tyre puncture workers, wheel balancing and alignment personnel, water tank cleaners, vehicle body builders, tinkerers, electricians, AC mechanics etc. Labourers working in these fields or trades or profession and aged between 18 and 60 years, can avail smart cards. The applicants must be non-IT payers, non-ESI and PF beneficiaries etc. The benefits of the scheme are available while on duty or non-duty. For details, call helpline- 155214 or visit the Labour Department Office on New Kantharaj Urs Road, Kuvempunagar, according to a press release.

Annual General Body Meeting

The 45th Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) for the year 2023-2024 of Elder Citizens Council will be held on Dec. 12 at 9 am, at No. 73, Saraswathi Samudaya Bhavan, Hospital Road, Jayalakshmipuram, Mysuru. All members are requested to attend the meeting. Also, Founders Day of Elder Citizens Building Trust will be held, during which senior members of the Council will be felicitated. For details, contact K.S. Krishna, Secretary, Elder Citizens Council on Mob: 99804-12406, according to a press release.

Ph.D awardees

H.M. Mahesha has been awarded Ph.D in Sericulture Science by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'Efficacy of Organic Based Foliar Formulations on Mulberry Leaf and its Impact on Cocoon Production' submitted under the guidance of Dr. B. Sannappa.



Ranganatha Swamy has been awarded Ph.D in West Asian Studies by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'Bharata Mattu Samyuktha Arab Samsthanagala (U.A.E.) Naduvena Arthika Sambhandhagalu (2009 to 2019)' submitted under the guidance of Dr. C. Gurusiddaiah.

Are traffic AI cameras malfunctioning?

Car driver's ordeal of getting notice for wearing seat belt !

Motorists receiving erroneous traffic rule violation notices

Mysuru, Dec. 10 (KS)- The Artificial Intelligence (AI) cameras installed by the Traffic Police to monitor violations and prevent accidents appear to be malfunctioning, with many motorists receiving notices for not wearing seat belts or helmets despite following traffic rules.

These AI cameras, positioned at key roads, circles, and junctions, are managed by the Intelligent Traffic Management System (ITMS). However, due to lapses or negligence by staff reviewing the photos captured by these so-called hi-tech cameras, numerous motorists are now encountering unwarranted issues.

Incorrect seat belt notice

For instance, a driver of a high-end car recently drove along Mathrumandali Circle Road in V.V. Puram while wearing a seat belt. The AI camera installed near Mathrumandali Circle captured a photo of the driver. However, two days later, the Traffic Police sent a notice to the car owner's address.

The notice read: "A fine of Rs. 500 has been imposed for driving without wearing a seat belt at Mathrumandali Circle. Pay the fine immediately to avoid legal action." Surprisingly, the driver received three such notices for allegedly not wearing a seat belt at different locations.

Picture for representation only.

Shocked and perplexed by these traffic violation notices despite following the rules, the driver visited the concerned Traffic Police Station. There, he was advised to contact the Traffic Automation Command Centre at the City Police Commissioner's Office in Nazarbad.

Proof of incident

When the driver visited the Traffic Automation Command Centre, he was shown the photos captured by the AI cameras. Surprisingly, the images clearly showed the driver wearing a seat belt. When the driver pointed this out, the staff admitted the error and assured it would be corrected.

High-end luxury cars often have seat belts that match the colour of the seat and many such cars are designed not to start unless the seat belt is worn. Additionally, the seat belt can sometimes blend with the driver's clothing colour.

However, the staff at the traffic automation centre appear to overlook these factors, issuing notices without properly verifying the photos. For them, seat belts are assumed to be black, and they fail to identify belts of different colours, leading to unwarranted notices.

This causes significant inconvenience to motorists, who often have to take time off work to visit Police Stations and resolve such errors.

It seems the staff managing traffic violations send notices based on AI camera photos without adequately verifying the violations.

Senior Police officials should prioritise training for the personnel handling the traffic automation centre and those verifying violation photos to ensure accuracy. Such measures could significantly reduce these instances of negligence improve efficiency.

Two-wheeler in Mysuru; violation in Periyapatna

In another instance of erroneous traffic violation notices, a two-wheeler rider in Mysuru has been booked for offences allegedly in Periyapatna.

The rider, employed at a private company in Bannimantap, Mysuru, begins work at 8 am, parks his vehicle at the company premises and retrieves it only after completing his shift in the evening.

Despite this, he received two notices for triple riding at Bettadapura Circle in Periyapatna on Nov. 17 and another notice on Dec. 1 for not wearing a helmet at Periyapatna Circle. On both dates, the two-wheeler was parked at his workplace between 8 am and 7 pm.

Obituary

Shanthamma

Mysuru, Dec. 10- Shanthamma Ananda Rao (83), wife of late Ananda Rao and a resident of Krishnamurthypuram, passed away this morning in city.

She leaves behind sons Ravindranath and Gunashekar, daughter Sandhya, daughters-in-law, son-in-law, grand-children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon, according to family sources.

Narayana Shetty

Narayana Shetty (70), a resident of Ganigana Koppal village, Bannur, passed away this morning at the village.

He leaves behind his wife Gowramma, one son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the village this afternoon, according to family sources.

K. Suresh

Nanjangud: K. Suresh (78), retired Syndicate Bank employee and a resident of KHB Colony, passed away yesterday at the town.

He leaves behind sons Satish Kumar, a journalist and Nanjangud City Municipal Council Member Yogesh, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the family's farm land at Nerale village this afternoon, according to family sources.

Fight between friends ends in murder

Mysuru, Dec. 10 (MK&KS)- A fight that erupted between two friends over a petty issue allegedly ended in the murder of one of them at Udayagiri on Saturday morning.

The deceased has been identified as Mudasir Pasha (34), a resident of Beedi Colony in Udayagiri Police limits and the accused is Rizwan, a friend of deceased Mudasir.

Mudasir and Rizwan were working as labourers and on Friday night they had slept near KCB Community Bhavan during which a fight ensued between them over petty reasons.

But at about 3 am on Saturday, Rizwan allegedly bludgeoned Mudasir with a concrete brick, resulting in Mudasir being killed on the spot, according to Police.

Based on the complaint from Mudasir's mother, Udayagiri Police, who registered a case have taken Rizwan into custody and have interrogated him.

TEASER

By N. Prakash

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Meh Bhi Chowkidaar
Sabka saath sabka vikas sabki pahchan

VOICE OF THE READER

KSRTC must utilise existing bus stands at Naidunagar, Sathagalli

Sir,

This refers to the recent news item titled "***New KSRTC Bus Stand to come up at Bannimantap.***" Instead of constructing a new bus stand at Bannimantap, KSRTC authorities could consider utilising the existing bus stands at R.S. Naidunagar and Sathagalli.

This approach would reduce the load on the existing Sub-Urban Bus Stand by at least 25-50 percent, while also making the facilities more accessible to residents in the surrounding areas.

To begin with, a few Bengaluru-bound buses could operate from these bus stands. Similarly, buses from Bengaluru could terminate at Sathagalli and R.S. Naidunagar.

Based on feasibility studies and passenger demand, KSRTC could later expand services from Sathagalli and R.S. Naidunagar to other cities.

To support this initiative, KSRTC might also consider introducing additional city bus services to cater to areas around these bus stands, including routes extending up to T. Narasipur Road.

—Ganesh
Mysuru 2.12.2024

Fashion extravaganza back in Mysuru city

*Namrata Shenoy (second from right), **Founder-Trustee, Diya Foundation, inaugurating Fashionavya expo at Hotel Southern Star in city this morning along with** (from left) **Akshaya Shenoy, Managing Director, Silent Shores Resort & Spa; Pallavi Adarsh, Director, A. Shankara Chetty & Sons and Junoo Ahluwalia.***

FASHIONAVYA exhibition, presented by the award-winning and highly acclaimed Fashionista Group of Exhibitions, is back to enchant the people of Mysuru city again.

The 6th edition of the Fashionista exhibition is being held at Hotel Southern Star, Mysuru, today and tomorrow (Dec. 10 and 11) between 11 am and 9 pm.

Right from its inception in 2008, Fashionista has been working tirelessly to serve fashion enthusiasts and in this edition is hosting designers from all over the country, including metropolitan and culturally rich cities such as Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Gurugram, Pune, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Chennai, Kashmir and Surat.

The expo's primary goal is to bridge the fashion gap between Metro cities and Tier II metros like Mysuru. The talented and accomplished designers will display a wide array of apparel, jewellery, accessories, beauty products, cosmetics, fragrances, home decor, gifts, etc.

Fashionavya is a one-stop solution to all the fashion needs, says Team Fashionista.

Lemurrian Yoga course

Mysuru, Dec. 10- Sri Ravishankar Guruji's Art of Living has organised the first ever Lemurrian Yoga course in Mysuru.

Lemurrian yoga is a unique yoga practice formulated several millennia ago by Tamil Siddars (Sages) of ancient Kumari Kandam (modern name Lemirrian continent). Anybody who is above 16 can practice this.

The Lemurrian Yoga course will be held from Dec.11 to 15 (both in the morning and evening batches) at the Art of Living Ashram on Lalithadripura Road. Call Mob: 94480-48488 or 96633-76393.

NIE to host Smart India Hackathon Grand Finale in Mysuru

VVCE to conduct SIH-2024 — Software Edition

*Dr. Rohini Nagapadma (third from left), **Principal, NIE, Mysuru, who addressed a press meet in city yesterday, seen with Harshith Diwakar, Head, Training & Placement Officer, NIE; Dr. V. Vikram Athreya, SIH-2024 Chief Coordinator, NIE; N.S. Srikanth & Dr. V. Lakshmi Ranganatha, SIH-2024 Joint Coordinators and Dr. Abhishek A. Pathak, SIH-2024 PRO/Social Media SPOC, NIE.***

Mysuru, Dec. 10- The National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru, is the Nodal Centre for the prestigious Smart India Hackathon (SIH - 2024) Grand Finale — Hardware Edition — scheduled from Dec. 11 to Dec. 15.

The SIH is the flagship initiative of the Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India, organised in association with All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), to foster innovation and solve pressing national challenges through technology.

This 7th edition of SIH finals will start off simultaneously across 51 centres nationwide on Dec. 11, with a virtual inauguration by Union Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan.

NIE is the only institution in Karnataka to host the Hardware Edition of SIH for the second consecutive year, demonstrating its leadership in engineering education and unwavering commitment to support innovation.

This year, 28 teams comprising 168 students from across India will convene at NIE Mysuru to address cutting-edge problem statements in space technology, smart automation, robotics and drones, among others. These challenges, defined by the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell, Autodesk Inc., and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police, aim to encourage ground-breaking solutions.

Addressing a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan in city yesterday, Dr. Rohini Nagapadma, Principal, NIE, said, "Being selected as the Nodal Centre for the second consecutive year is an honour for our institution. Last year's visit by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during SIH-2023 remains a historic milestone for NIE. Building on last year's success, the institute is set to offer an even more enriching platform for SIH-2024."

The local inauguration of SIH-2024 grand finale will be held in the Diamond Jubilee Block of NIE tomorrow immediately after the national-level inauguration.

Satish Pratapneni, System Development Director, Lenovo India, will be the chief guest at the inaugural function to be held at NIE.

Additionally, interested students of other colleges, with prior permission and a valid institution ID card, may visit NIE to witness India's biggest innovation festival. For details contact Mob: 87222-66622 or 86601-49922 or Ph: 0821-4004919.

At VVCE

Meanwhile, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru, will host Smart India Hackathon-2024 — Software Edition — at its H. Kempegowda Indoor Sports Complex on Dec. 11.

Anuj Pratap Singh, Deputy Director, Software, Applied Materials India, who will be chief guest, will inaugurate the event at 8.30 am.

VVCE was selected as one of the Nodal Centres in 2023 to facilitate the SIH - Software Edition. After the successful execution of SIH in 2023, VVCE has been chosen as the Nodal Centre among 51 other centres across the country to host the 7th edition of SIH-2024.

A total of 24 teams with around 200 participants from various premier institutes will be participating in the event at VVCE. The teams will be working on innovative solutions for the various problems provided by AICTE, New Delhi and Autodesk, Inc.

Gundappa Gowda, President of Vidyavardhaka Sangha, P. Vishwanath, Secretary, Shrishaila Ramannavar, Treasurer, Parish Rao, Head of Manufacturing, Neilsoft, who is also AICTE representative, Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda, Principal, VVCE, Nodal Centre Head and Dr. Shobha Shankar, Vice-Principal, will be the guests of honour.

Dr. M.R. Pooja Professor & Head, Department of CS&E, VVCE and Nodal Centre Incharge, Dr. Nithin Kumar, Nodal Centre SPOC, staff and students of VVCE will be present at the inaugural function.

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S.M. Krishna no more:
Last rites at Maddur tomorrow

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar along with Mandya DC Dr. Kumara and other officials inspecting arrangements for the last rites of S.M. Krishna at Somanahalli village in Maddur.

(Continued from page 1)

Upon hearing of S. M. Krishna's passing, Deputy Chief Minister D. K. Shivakumar immediately flew from Belagavi to Bengaluru to pay his respects. Shivakumar will also oversee the arrangements for the last rites at Somanahalli. Shivakumar's eldest daughter Aishwarya DKS Hegde is married to Amartya Hegde, the grandson (son of Krishna's daughter Malavika and late businessman Siddartha) of S. M. Krishna.

As news of the veteran politician's death spread, leaders from all political parties, members of the public, and seers from various Mutts, including Suttur Mutt seer Sri Shivaratri Deshikendra Swamiji, visited his residence to offer their condolences throughout the day.

Last rites at Maddur

Last rites with full State honours will be performed at Somanahalli tomorrow at 1 pm. Mandya DC Dr. Kumara visited the village to inspect the arrangements for the ceremony, accompanied by Mandya SP Mallikarjun Baladandi, ZP CEO Shaikh Tanveer Asif and other officials. Krishna's mortal remains will be laid to rest beside the memorial of his father, S.C. Mallaiah, at the family's farmland in Somanahalli.

Government announces three-day State mourning

Bengaluru, Dec.10 (KMS& DM)- Following the passing of former Karnataka Chief Minister and former Union Minister S.M. Krishna, the State Government has declared a three-day state mourning to honour the late leader.

A notification from the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (DPAR) confirmed that the mourning will last from today, Dec. 10, to Dec. 12. During this period, the national flag will be flown at half-mast at all public offices and Government buildings.

State holiday tomorrow

The Government has also declared a public holiday State-wide tomorrow, Dec. 11, as a mark of respect. All Government offices and educational institutions, including aided ones, will remain closed.

Tributes poured in for the departed leader during the ongoing winter session of the State Legislature at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi this morning.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah led the condolence proceedings, followed by his Cabinet colleagues, who paid their respects to the veteran politician. Legislators from all political parties remembered S.M. Krishna's immense contributions to both the State and the nation and honoured his legacy.

PM, President condole

Bengaluru, Dec.10 (DM)- President Draupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and leaders from across all political parties have expressed their condolences on the demise of former CM S.M. Krishna.

In separate posts on X, the leaders praised the contributions of the former CM and paid heartfelt tributes to his services to the nation.

With the last rites of the departed leader set to take place in Somanahalli, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and Mandya District In-charge Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy visited the village this morning to oversee the arrangements for the final ceremonies.

Political parties, associations, and organisations in Mysuru began paying their respects to the late leader. Condolences flooded in from various sectors, with political leaders expressing their sorrow from early morning.

A dignified leader with timeless style, wit, grace

Then 89-year-old, S.M. Krishna inaugurated Mysuru Dasara atop Chamundi Hill in 2021

Bengaluru, Dec. 10 (Agencies)- S.M. Krishna is undoubtedly one of the most dignified politicians Karnataka has ever seen, a sentiment echoed across party lines.

Krishna inaugurated the Dasara-2021 festivities atop Chamundi Hill on Oct. 7 that year. He was the first politician in 22 years to inaugurate Dasara. He was 89 then.

Despite reaching great heights in politics, he never lost touch with the tastes and preferences of the common man. When one thinks of Krishna, these qualities immediately come to mind.

An exemplary figure, Krishna carried himself with grace and dignity as a leader. He was a remarkable organiser and an eloquent speaker, always speaking thoughtfully and carefully choosing his words. Fluent in Kannada, English and several other languages, his conduct and speech were a model of decorum. He was an avid reader, particularly of English literature.

It's rare to find politicians with a strong sense of style, but S. M. Krishna was known for his impeccable dress sense. Whether wearing khadi, suits or more casual attire, he always chose clothes that suited him well and showed a keen attention to detail. Even his wig, when he wore one, was perfectly suited to him.

Krishna's fondness for the dosa at Vidyarthi Bhavan in Gandhi Bazaar was well-known. Those close to him recall his refined taste in food. During his tenure as Chief Minister, he would occasionally visit the iconic eatery to enjoy its famous dosa and reminisce about old times. On one occasion, he humorously remarked that the dosa had too much oil, highlighting his discerning palate.

A lover of tennis, S. M. Krishna attended the Wimbledon tournament every year. His favourite player was Australia's Frank Sedgman, and in his spare time, he would play tennis himself, showcasing his skill on the court.

Despite the pressures and challenges of political life, Krishna always faced them with a smile. During his time as Chief Minister, he and his wife Prema would often attend humour gatherings, enjoying the lighter moments and laughter that helped them unwind amidst their busy schedules.

City BJP leaders paying tributes to a portrait of S. M. Krishna at the party office in Chamarajapuram this morning, with City BJP President L. Nagendra and other leaders such as M.G. Mahesh, Mahesh Raje Urs and B.M. Raghu in attendance.

Former MLA M.K. Somashekar offering floral tributes to a huge portrait of S.M. Krishna placed along a road by Ittigegud Nagarika Hitarakshana Samiti in the city. Several members of the Samiti were present to pay homage to the departed leader.

Supreme Court case likely to impede Cabinet approval for DPR

(Continued from page 1)

Raja Chandra, a member of the erstwhile Mysore royal family and one of the petitioners in the case, informed *Star of Mysore* yesterday that a Special Leave Petition (SLP) filed by him and Gouri Satya was heard by the Supreme Court on Dec. 4, 2024.

ASI, INTACH made parties

During the hearing, a Bench comprising Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia and Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah observed, "After hearing learned counsel for the parties, we are of the opinion that the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) should also be made parties to the petition."

The Bench directed the Registry to take necessary action within a week and issue notices to the newly added parties. The matter has been scheduled for re-listing on Jan. 8, 2025. Advocate Dr. Aditya Sondhi appeared on behalf of the petitioners.

Petition in High Court

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Raja Chandra stated that after the Karnataka High Court dismissed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) raising concerns over the Mysuru City Corporation's (MCC) plan to demolish and reconstruct the 137-year-old Devaraja Market due to its deteriorated state, they approached the Supreme Court.

A Division Bench of the High Court, comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice M.G.S. Kamal, dismissed the PIL on Aug. 8, 2023. The petition, filed in 2020 by Mysuru citizens, including Prof. D. Shrijay Devaraj Urs, G. Satyanarayana (Gouri Satya), N. Niranjan Nikam (now late) and Raja Chandra, was rejected.

A Task Force Committee and Special Heritage Committee, constituted by the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner, had recommended the demolition of the market, citing its dilapidated condition.

Reliance on one-sided expertise

"Questioning the High Court's judgement, we moved the Supreme Court, arguing that the State Government relied on a one-sided expertise. The decision to demolish the two heritage structures was made by individuals lacking the necessary expertise, many of whom align with the Government's stance regardless of their professional status," Raja Chandra noted.

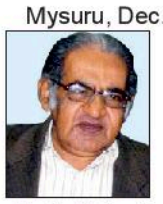
He further said, "We requested the Supreme Court to appoint an external agency to provide an unbiased opinion on whether these heritage structures should be restored. Having engaged in this matter, we couldn't let it conclude at the High Court level."

No immediate decision

"As per the Supreme Court's directive, both ASI and INTACH will now be added as parties in the case. These parties may request more time; ASI Delhi could refer it to the ASI office in Bengaluru, while INTACH might direct it to either their Bengaluru or Mysuru branch. The hearings will take time, and decisions are unlikely to be immediate," Raja Chandra noted.

Although the Devaraja Market is classified as a Grade-1 heritage building under the Master Plan-2031 for Mysuru-Nanjangud, the petitioners argued that the Special Heritage Committee failed to consider expert opinions advocating restoration. They maintained that the structure must be protected and conserved, ensuring any development plans adhere to the amendments in Zonal Regulations.

Prof. V.K. Nataraj's body donated



Prof. Nataraj

Mysuru, Dec. 10 - The body of former University of Mysore Registrar Prof. V. K. Nataraj, who passed away at a private hospital in city yesterday morning, was donated to JSS Medical College and Hospital in city this morning.

The mortal remains of Prof. Nataraj, which was brought to his residence in Jayalakshmipuram from the hospital yesterday morning, was kept at his residence for the public to pay their last respects till 10 am today and the body was donated to JSS Medical College and Hospital at 11.30 am, according to family sources.

MUDA invites applications for 'Bit of Land'

Mysuru, Dec.10 (RK&BS)- Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) has invited applications from the general public for the 'bit of land' available at residential layouts developed by the Authority.

MUDA Secretary B.K. Prasanna Kumar has issued a public notice in this regard, in compliance with the guidelines issued by the Government on Nov. 22, 2024. Accordingly, the public should apply within 15 days to MUDA for the bit of land attached to civic amenities site or residential sites sanctioned at its layouts. Further measures will be taken to allot the bit of land, after scrutinising the applications as per the guidelines framed by the Government.

Former Kollegal MLA S. Jayanna passes away

S. Jayanna

Kollegal, Dec.10 (SS&DM)- Former Kollegal MLA S. Jayanna (72) passed away here this noon at a Private Hospital following heart attack.

Jayanna, who was a bachelor, was elected twice from Kollegal (SC) Assembly segment — once on a JD(S) ticket in 1994 and the second time on a Congress ticket in 2013.

Currently, he was serving as the Chairman of Karnataka State Warehousing Corporation.

Jayanna was considered close to CM Siddaramaiah.

Jayanna had built a new house at Kollegal recently and CM Siddaramaiah had unveiled the name plaque of the house during his visit to the town only on Saturday last. The house warming ceremony was scheduled to take place on Dec.12 and Jayanna's death has come just two days before the ceremony.

Last rites will be held tomorrow, according to family sources.

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S.M. Krishna: Architect of Bengaluru's IT growth

Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar turning emotional while paying last respects to S.M. Krishna at the latter's Sadashivanagar residence in Bengaluru this morning.

Bengaluru, Dec. 10 (Agencies)- Former Karnataka CM Somanahalli Mallaiah Krishna, widely known as S.M. Krishna, passed away today at the age of 92 at his residence in Bengaluru.

A charismatic leader with a modern outlook, Krishna carved a niche in India's political landscape with his administrative prowess and forward-thinking vision. He was often referred to as the "modern Kempe Gowda".

He is especially credited for transforming Bengaluru into India's 'Silicon Valley' by boosting the IT sector during his tenure. In January of last year, he announced his retirement from active politics, citing his age as the reason.

Illustrious political career

Born in Somanahalli, Mandya district, on May 1, 1932, Krishna had an illustrious political career, serving as the External Affairs Minister, Maharashtra Governor and Speaker of Karnataka Legislative Assembly from December 1989 to January 1993.

A law graduate, Krishna studied in US, graduating from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas and The George Washington University Law School in Washington, DC, where he was a Fulbright Scholar.

Krishna's political journey spanned nearly five decades. He served as a member of the Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, Karnataka Legislative Assembly, and Legislative Council. As Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president ahead of the 1999 Assembly polls, he led the Congress to victory and became the State's Chief Minister.

He had earlier been associated with the Praja Socialist Party before joining Congress. In March 2017, Krishna ended his nearly 50-year association with the Congress to join the BJP.

Brand Bengaluru

Krishna is remembered for laying the foundation for the growth of IT and biotechnology industries in Karnataka. His efforts to build 'Brand Bengaluru' on the international stage earned him a reputation as a reformist leader, focusing on development in an era dominated by populism and caste politics.

His political career was marked by several challenges, including the kidnapping of Kannada film icon Dr. Rajkumar by forest brigand Veerappan, a severe drought that struck the State and the contentious Cauvery water-sharing dispute with Tamil Nadu.

Governor of Maharashtra

However, his party lost the 2004 Assembly elections amidst the drought, leading to his appointment as Maharashtra Governor and later as External Affairs Minister. Political analysts suggest that Krishna might have been a contender for the Prime Minister's post if the Congress had won the 2004 elections.

Known for his suave personality and focus on Bengaluru's growth, Krishna endeared himself to the city's upwardly mobile class. Yet, he also worked on key rural initiatives such as the rejuvenation of tanks under the Jalasamvardhane project, the Yeshasvini health insurance scheme for co-operative members, mid-day meal schemes for school children and digitisation of land records.

His legacy includes the mid-day meal scheme, which reduced dropouts and the Stree Shakti programme for women's empowerment. Krishna's initiatives, including the establishment of the Karnataka Beverages Corporation and hosting the first Global Investors Meet, cemented Bengaluru's position as the Silicon Valley of India.

Prominence of Lokayukta

His tenure also saw the Karnataka Lokayukta institution gaining prominence, with N. Venkatachala being appointed as Lokayukta to combat corruption.

Krishna's political career took a turn when he left Congress and joined the BJP. He faced a personal tragedy when his son-in-law, V.G. Siddhartha, founder of Café Coffee Day, died following a financial crisis.

An admirer of US President John F. Kennedy, Krishna considered him his political ideal and worked on Kennedy's 1962 presidential campaign. Krishna, a Fulbright Scholar, campaigned in areas with Indian populations, receiving personal gratitude from Kennedy for his efforts.

Krishna leaves behind a significant legacy in Karnataka's political and developmental history.

'Hi-Tech CM' dreamt of making Karnataka a high-tech State

Bengaluru, Dec. 10 (Agencies)- While Nadaprabhu Kempegowda is revered as the founder of Bengaluru, the title of the 'Architect of Modern Bengaluru' belongs to S.M. Krishna.

Under his leadership, Bengaluru blossomed into a global metropolis, with three million people directly employed in the IT sector.

Krishna's vision extended beyond the city, earning him the moniker of the 'Hi-Tech CM'. He dreamt of making Karnataka a high-tech State while simultaneously working to improve the lives of farmers in rural areas.

Krishna's transformative vision for Bengaluru included turning it into an international hub. He spearheaded the construction of Vikasa Soudha, played a key role in bringing the metro to the city, and was instrumental in the development of Kempegowda International Airport in Devanahalli, with 4,200 acres allocated for its expansion.

This decision elevated Bengaluru to a global gateway, later recognised by then-Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee as critical for international access.

When Krishna took office, Karnataka's budget stood at Rs. 13,000 crore. By the time he left office, it had increased to Rs. 34,000 crore. His focus on the IT sector laid the foundation for the State's current economic success, with the budget now exceeding Rs.3.5 lakh crore.

During his tenure from 1999 to 2004, Bengaluru experienced a significant rise in real estate values, setting the stage for a property boom.

His policies attracted global IT companies, cementing the city's status as India's 'Silicon Valley'. Infrastructure enhancements, such as road expansions, flyovers and the development of the international airport, facilitated this growth. The influx of tech workers and urban professionals fuelled the demand for both residential and commercial properties, driving up real estate prices.

A wish for peace and dignity in his final days

S.M. Krishna's wife Prema Krishna (seated extreme right) and the grieving family members.

Bengaluru, Dec. 10 (Agencies)- When S.M. Krishna faced health challenges, he made a heartfelt request to his wife Prema and his family.

In May, he asked them not to subject him to aggressive medical treatments simply to keep him alive in an unconscious state. Always cheerful and optimistic, Krishna expressed his wish to spend his final days peacefully and naturally, without being prolonged by machines or hospital interventions. Even in such a difficult time, he demonstrated his wisdom and clarity, urging his loved ones to let him go when the time came, without forcing life to continue unnaturally. His request deeply touched those close to him.

Since April of this year, Krishna had been battling age-related health issues that required oxygen support. His condition worsened, leading to his hospitalisation on April 29. After several months in the hospital, he was discharged in September. Unfortunately, his health declined further, and he was readmitted in October.

Wild elephants spotted on city outskirts

Forest officials launch operation to drive them back

Mysuru, Dec.10 (MTY, PM& TRR)- Two wild tuskers which were roaming on city outskirts for the last one-and-a-half months are now being spotted at various villages in the taluk. This has created a sense of fear among the villagers besides becoming a headache to the Forest Department.

Yesterday, these tuskers were spotted in the surroundings of Jattihundi-Manikya villages, about 3 to 4 kms away from Bogadi Ring Road and this morning they were seen near Madanahalli close to Beerihundi.

Following information from the public yesterday, Forest Department officials, who visited the spot, have launched an operation to drive these tuskers back to the forests.

To ensure that no untoward incident takes place during the operation, Police and Forest staff visited the villages on Bogadi - Gaddige Road and alerted the villagers through public address system to stay indoors.

The operation to drive away the elephants, which had stayed put at a private plantation near Bommanahalli, was started by Forest staff. But the smart elephants managed to hoodwink Forest personnel and gained entry to an agricultural field near Beerihundi, prompting the officials to intensify the operation which was carried out throughout the night, thus preventing the tuskers from entering the city.

The two elephants were found wandering in Jayapura, Yedahalli, Mandanahali, Gujjegowdanapura and other villages in the taluk for the last one-and-a-half months and seem to be reluctant to go back to the forest.

Apart from causing fear and anxiety among farmers, the two wild elephants have destroyed crops causing loss to farmers.

Hunsur Elephant Task Force personnel, Mysuru Regional Forest Division staff and Leopard Task Force personnel, with co-operation from the Police are conducting the operation to drive the elephants back to the forest.

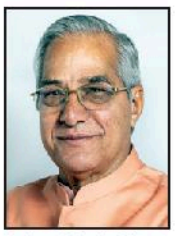
BJP MP seeks re-evaluation of suppressed 2016 Waqf report

New Delhi, Dec. 10 (Agencies)- Amid growing political tension over Waqf Board properties and the notices issued to farmers, institutions, temples and religious establishments, BJP MP Lahar Singh Siroya has written to Joint Parliamentary Committee Chairman Jagdambika Pal, urging a re-evaluation of a suppressed Lokayukta report from 2016 on Waqf properties.

In his letter dated Dec. 9, Siroya accused Chief Minister Siddaramaiah of withholding Upa Lokayukta Justice N. Anand's report on the alleged criminal misuse and encroachment of Waqf properties.

"This is to draw your attention to an investigation report submitted by former Karnataka Upa Lokayukta, Justice N. Anand, in March 2016 when Siddaramaiah was CM. The report meticulously documents decades of criminal misuse, mismanagement, illegal subletting, and outright encroachment of Waqf properties by those entrusted with their protection. It's a clear case of the proverbial fence eating the crop," Siroya's letter stated.

The BJP MP further questioned: "Why did the Government panic and withdraw its own enquiry order? Who was the Siddaramaiah government trying to protect in 2016? If the Government truly cared about preventing encroachments on Waqf properties and protecting minority interests, why was this enquiry commission dissolved overnight? Was it to shield prominent Congress leaders, including Siddaramaiah's allies, whose names might have surfaced?" He urged the Committee to consider the suppressed report's implications while deliberating on Waqf (Amendment) Bill 2024. He highlighted the need for transparency and accountability in addressing encroachments and mismanagement of Waqf properties.



Lahar Singh Siroya

Taking to social media platform X, Siroya posted: "My letter to the Chairman of JPC on Waqf (Amendment) Bill 2024, Jagdambika Pal, on the suppressed Lokayukta report by the Government of Karnataka under Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in 2016 regarding Waqf properties." He stressed the urgency of addressing the circumstances behind the report's suppression and appealed for informed decisions on Waqf legislation reforms.

MYSORE RACES 2024

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

GRACE for Vidhatri Motors Cup

Mysuru, Dec. 10- Following are the selections for the 5th day of Mysore Winter Races to be held here on Wednesday — Dec. 11, 2024:

1.	2.00 PM	THE SPARK OF LIFE PLATE	
		1100 mts. - 2 Years (TERMS)	
		1. PARK WEST	*2. ADENA*
2.	2.30 PM	THE PLANTERS PLATE	
		1200 mts. - rated 00 to 25	
		1. ELEVADO	*2. SEDUCTIVE*
3.	3.00 PM	THE COMMON GROUNDS PLATE - DIV. II	
		1200 mts. - rated 20 to 45 (No Whips)	
		1. HALCHEMENY	*2. ISLAND LASS*
4.	3.30 PM	THE AVALANCHE STAR PLATE	
		1600 mts. - rated 20 to 45	
		1. VIJAYA BRAVE	*2. NATURAL GOLD*
5.	4.00 PM	THE VIDHATRI MOTORS CUP	
		1100 mts. - rated 40 to 65	
		1. GRACE	*2. INDIAN GLORY*
6.	4.30 PM	THE COMMON GROUNDS PLATE - DIV. I	
		1200 mts. - rated 20 to 45 (No Whips)	
		1. ROADRUNNER	*2. DAVIDS DELIGHT*
7.	5.00 PM	THE NAGARJUNASAGAR PLATE	
		1400 mts. - rated 60 and above	
		1. EXUBERANCE	*2. AABUSHAN*

DAY'S BEST: *VIJAYA BRAVE*
DOUBLE: *1. PARK WEST 2. ROADRUNNER*
JACKPOT: *3, 4, 5, 6, 7* ***MINI JACKPOT:*** *4, 5, 6, 7*
I TREBLE: *2, 3, 4* ***II TREBLE:*** *5, 6, 7*
EXACTAS: *1 to 7* ***—Tipster PGC***

State to reclaim 5,100 acres of leased forest land: Khandre

Leased out to coffee and rubber plantations in Kodagu & Chamarajanagar during British era

Belagavi, Dec. 10 (Agencies)- The Department of Forests, Ecology, and Environment has initiated legal proceedings to reclaim over 5,100 acres of reserved forest land leased to nine private plantations during the British era.

Eshwar Khandre

Responding to a query by BJP MLC M.P. Suja Kushalappa in the Legislative Council session held in Belagavi yesterday, Forests Minister Eshwar Khandre stated that forest land in Kodagu and Chamarajanagar districts was leased to these plantations before 1940.

Initially leased in 1909 for a staggering 999 years, the lease period was reduced by the State Government in 2012 to 99 years. However, this revised duration remains contentious.

"As the original lease term of 999 years was amended to 99 years, plantations secured a Court stay against this amendment. We have filed a counter-petition and are determined to reclaim the forest land," Khandre informed the Council.

The Minister revealed that an appeal will be filed in Court to revoke the lease agreements of companies that have long occupied forest areas without fulfilling payment obligations. Steps are also being taken to recover dues amounting to Rs. 1,492.18 crore, including interest, from these plantations.

In 1999-2000, the Forest Department identified plantations operating on reserved forest land. "Until then, ownership of these lands was unclear. Notices issued to plantation owners were stayed by the High Court, but the State has now challenged these stays in higher Courts," Khandre explained.

To expedite the matter, the government has constituted a five-member task force to oversee the recovery process.

The affected lands in Kodagu include those leased to the Mercara Rubber Company (1,074 acres), Nilambur Rubber Company (713.03 acres), Thomson Rubber Company (625 acres), Portland Rubber Company (1,289.29 acres), Tata Coffee Ltd. (923.378 acres) and Glenlorren Plantations (279.748 acres).

In Chamarajanagar, Emerald Heaven Estate (37.25 acres), Biligirirangana Estate (25 acres) and Nilgiri Plantation Ltd. (184 acres) have been identified, adding up to 5,150 acres.

These companies have reportedly failed to pay lease amounts for decades, accumulating dues exceeding Rs. 2,000 crore. "Lease conditions have been violated blatantly, with resorts and homestays mushrooming on timber and coffee plantations. Some companies have even sold or sub-leased the lands, citing financial losses," Khandre added.

WORD OF THE DAY

Chthonic

Pronunciation: THAH-nik (adjective).
Meaning: Chthonic means "of or relating to the underworld." It is used as a synonym of infernal.
Origin: Chthonic might seem a lofty and learned word, but it's actually pretty down-to-earth in its origin and meaning. It comes from chthōn, which means "earth" in Greek, and it is associated with things that dwell in or under the earth. It is most commonly used in discussions of mythology, particularly underworld mythology. Hades and Persephone, who reign over the underworld in Greek mythology, might be called "chthonic deities," for example. Chthonic has broader applications, too. It can be used to describe something that resembles a mythological underworld (example: "chthonic darkness"), and it is sometimes used to describe earthly or natural things, as opposed to those that are elevated or celestial.
Example: "Before the backdrop of a magmatic cavern stand three adventurers: a warrior, a mage, and a trickster who, with a roll of the dice, are preparing to defeat a tentacled chthonic beast." — Christopher Cruz, Rolling Stone, 14 May 2024.

THE ODD WORD

Cacidrosis

Smelly sweat.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

To Cut and Run

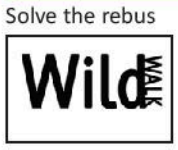
Meaning: Cut and run means to leave a situation quickly to avoid peril or compounding the situation.
Origin: It is a nautical term which derives from the practice of cutting an anchor rope (as opposed to raising the anchor) in order to perform a hasty getaway in the face of danger.
Example: When the project faced difficulties, some team members chose to cut and run rather than find a solution.

QUOTE BOX

What philosophy worthy of the name has truly been able to avoid the link between poem and theorem?— **Michel Serres**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus



Answer :Walk on the wild side.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 A positive vote
4 In short, a common viral disease
7 Sore and painful
10 The stern of a ship
12 Laughing out loud, acronym?
13 To shelter
15 Light motorboat
17 Muslim priest
18 Pass away
19 Battles or boxes with
20 Concerning
23 A sweetheart
25 Forearm bone
26 False
29 Came into possession of
30 Panaji locale
31 Nav Data Base
33 Fleet of ships under escort
36 Border; margin
37 Priestly vestments
38 Rock group Pink ___
39 Undersized person
42 Cricket legend Kapil ___
43 Attachboatetc.toafixedobject
44 Showed a film
49 "Kone" broken for a game of chance?
50 Angle-of-attack
51 Trigonometric term
52 Attach by stitches
53 Female pig
54 Public Sector Unit, in short

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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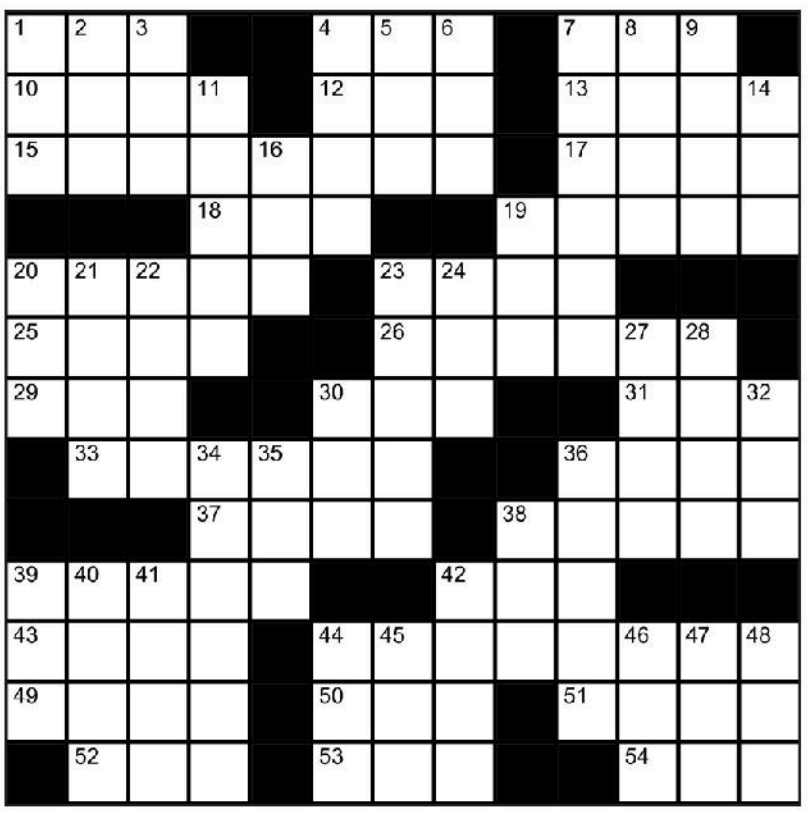
DOWN
1 Mar follower
2 Addressee
3 Long period of time
4 Pack of floating ice
5 Bud's movie partner
6 Of last month, in short, in correspondence
7 Capital of Chhattisgarh
8 Russian river
9 Be dressed in
11 NE Italian city
14 Printer's measures
16 A tiny amount
19 Remained quiet
20 Eighth mo.
21 Political alliance
22 I am _ _ it : I am aware of it? (2,2)
23 Anchored floats
24 Spanish queen
27 Loosen buttons
28 Ill at ease
30 Lump
32 Place to sleep
34 Lacking width
35 Very Low Frequency
36 North Pole personnel
38 Charge
39 Dravida Munetra Kazgam, acronym
40 Intense mental distresses
41 Top-notch (1,3)
42 Tie
44 Stockholm flier
45 Dove sound
46 Pinch or bite
47 Abstract being?
48 Disp. Elec. Unit



SUDOKU

	4	5			6		1	7
					1	4		
		3						8
	6				5			
		2	7		3	8		
			6				2	
9						2		
		8	4					
4	2		5			9	3	

Answer to previous puzzle

7	8	4	6	3	1	2	9	5
3	9	5	8	7	2	4	1	6
1	6	2	4	5	9	3	8	7
8	5	1	9	2	4	7	6	3
6	3	9	7	8	5	1	4	2
2	4	7	1	6	3	9	5	8
4	7	8	3	1	6	5	2	9
5	1	6	2	9	7	8	3	4
9	2	3	5	4	8	6	7	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

ZWI ZYLVCXI RHZW LVY ZHAIF HF ZWEZ ZWI

SVZVYI HF MLZ RWEZ HZ VFIG ZL CI.

TODAY'S CLUE: Z EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Sometimes the most urgent and vital thing you can do is take a complete rest.

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Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (Te)	(S-1)	9.50 pm: (S-2) 8.10 pm
	(S-4)	10.10 am, 2.10 pm
		6.05 pm, 10 pm
Moana 2 (E-3D)	(S-2)	11 am, 3.45 pm, 6 pm
Solo Leveling - ReAwakening (Japanese)	(S-2)	1.10 pm
The Sabarmati Report (H)	(S-3)	10.25 am
Bairathi Ranagal (K)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
Haridasara Dinachari (K)	(S-3)	4 pm

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Amaran (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 7.30 pm
Bhairathi Ranagal (K)	(S-1)	1.45 pm; (S-2) 10.40 am
Dheera Bhagath Roy (K)	(S-1)	4.30 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm, 5.15 pm, 9.15 pm
	(S-3)	11.30 am, 7.45 pm
	(S-4)	2.15 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (Te)	(S-3)	4 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am, 6 pm, 9.45 pm

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		10.30 am, 12.30 pm, 1.30 pm
		2.30 pm, 4.30, 5.30 pm
		6.30 pm, 7.30 pm, 8.30 pm
		9.30, 10.30 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (H-2D)	:	9 am, 1.10 pm, 5 pm, 10 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (K-2D)	:	9.10 am 1 pm, 6 pm, 9 pm
Solo Leveling - ReAwakening (Japanese)	:	12.25 pm
Bhairathi Ranagal (K)	:	3.05 pm
Moana 2 (E-3D)	:	5.10 pm

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Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (K-2D)	:	9.30 am, 1.30 pm
		5.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (Te-2D)	:	10.30 am, 11.25 am
		2.30 pm, 4.50 pm, 6.30 pm
		8.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (H-2D)	:	5.45 pm, 9.45 pm
Bhairathi Ranagal (K)	:	11 am
Aaram Arvindswamy (K)	:	1.55 pm
Moana 2 (E-3D)	:	3.25 pm

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Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (Te-2D)	:	8.30 am, 10.30 am, 12.30 pm
		2.30 pm, 4.30 pm, 6.30 pm
		8.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (H-2D)	:	8.55 am, 12.55 pm
		5.30 pm, 10.15 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (K-2D)	:	9.30 am, 1.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Moana 2 (E-2D)	:	4.55 pm
Bhairathi Ranagal (K)	:	7.20 pm

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Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (Te-2D)	:	8.35 am, 9.30 am, 10.30 am
		1.30 pm, 2.30 pm, 3.50 pm
		5.30 pm, 6.30 pm
		9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (K-2D)	:	10 am, 6 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (H-2D)	:	2 pm, 10.15 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (Ma-2D)	:	10 pm
Dheera Bhagat Roy (K)	:	12.35 pm
Moana 2 (H)	:	7.50 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 10)

- **Impressionz:** Vaishnavi Silks expo, Boardroom, Hotel Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **up to 8 pm.**
- **Fashionavya:** Designer Exhibition, Hotel Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Parakala Mutt:** 'Vijaya Yatra' of Prakrutam Srirangam Srimad Andavan Sri Varaha Mahadesikan Swamiji, Sri Parakala Mutt, near Jaganmohan Palace, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Dastkaar Haat:** Indian Handloom and Handicraft Exhibition, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind Old DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru and Sakkari Balacharya 'Shantakavi' Trust, Dharwad:** Modern Kannada Theatre Day celebrations, programme on 'Shantakavi Sakkari Balacharyara Baduku Baraha,' senior theatre person Prof. H.S. Umesh delivers talk, theatre teacher Umesh Saliyana speaks about dramas, Kannada & Culture Department Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy will be present, Rangayana Director Satish Tiptur presides, B.V. Karanth Rangachavadi, Rangayana premises, **4 pm.**
- **Noopura Kalavidaru Samskrutika Trust:** Smt. K. Vanajakshamma Memorial 29th Nritya Aradhana-2024, conferring 'Noopura Shri' award on Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra, Director of Nrityalaya, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Publication Division Director Prof. Morabada Mallikarjuna guest of honour, **6 pm;** Group dance by students of Noopura Kalavidaru Samskrutika Trust, accompanied by Prof. Ramamurthy Rao on natuvanga and vocal, Vid. M.R. Hanumantharaju on mridanga and Vid. H.S. Thandavamurthy on violin, Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike, Kuvempunagar, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 11)

- **Sri Geethapracharini Sabha Trust, Mysuru (Geetha Mandira):** 90th Sri Gita Jayanti Mahotsava, Dwajarohana, **7 am;** Mass Bhagavad Gita Parayana, **8 am;** Mahamangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga, **8.30 am;** Vishnu Sahasranama Parayana, **5.30 pm;** Bhajans by Sanjeevini Bhajana Mandali, J.P. Nagar, Mysuru, **6 pm;** Discourse on 'Bhagavad Gita - 6th Chapter' by B.N. Madhawachar, Ashoka Road, 33rd East Cross Road, Sri Geetha Mandira Road, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram:** Dattatreya Jayanti celebrations, Gita Jayanti - Sampoorna Bhagavad Gita Parayana, Nada Mantapa, Ashram premises, Nanjangud Road, **10 am.**
- **Dastkaar Haat:** Indian Handloom and Handicraft Exhibition, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind Old DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Fashionavya:** Designer Exhibition, Hotel Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **11 am to 9 pm.**
- **India Posts:** Mysuru Division Postal Pension Adalat, Office of the Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Akashvani Circle, KRS Road, **11 am.**
- **Library & Information Centre, JSS Science & Technology University:** Book Exhibition, College Auditorium, **11 am.**
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** Vocal concert by Vid. Bellary M. Raghavendra, accompanied by Vid. N.N. Ganeshkumar on violin, Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga, Vid. Vikram Bharadwaj on morching, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Ganabharathi, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

CII Mysuru Finance Conclave-2024

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